

Block of The Month 2017: Block #2

Block due at the March meeting.

This month we are continuing our color scheme for the year: black, white, the monthly birthstone color, and a shade (or tint) of that color. This month's color is purple. Please look at the January newsletter for the color chart.

This block is a variation on the Ohio Star block. We encourage you to make two blocks, one to enter in the drawing and one to keep. Please sew with an accurate quarter inch.

Cut list for one block:

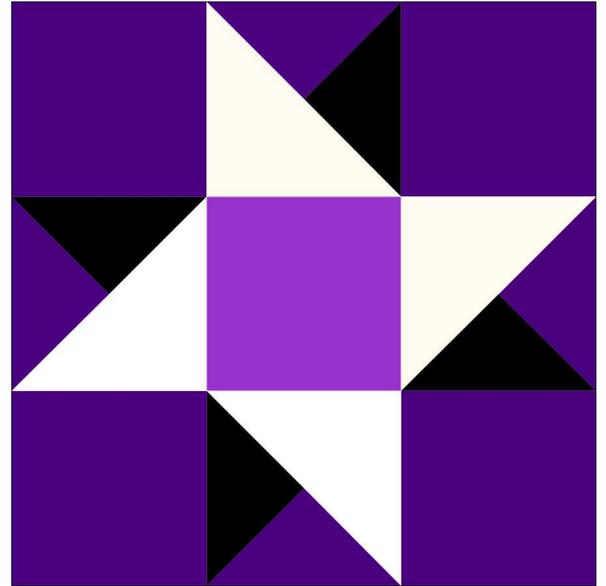
Purple: Cut four $4\frac{1}{2}$ " squares; cut one $5\frac{1}{4}$ " square

Black: Cut one $5\frac{1}{4}$ " square

Sub-cut both the purple & the black $5\frac{1}{4}$ " squares through both diagonals to get 4 triangles of each color

Purple shade: Cut one $4\frac{1}{2}$ " square

White: Cut two $4\frac{7}{8}$ " squares; sub-cut diagonally once to end up with 4 triangles



Assembling the block:

• Assemble the triangle units: Using one purple and one black triangle piece, place them right sides together and sew a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam. Check the seam you are sewing to make sure the black will be on the correct side when you are done. It is easier to sew if you place the flat edge against the needle and sew to the point. See photo three. Press to the black fabric. Make four of these units.

Now place a white triangle piece on the purple/black unit, right sides together. Sew a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam on the long edge. Make four. Press to the white.



This unit should measure $4\frac{1}{2}$ ". Trim to correct size.

• Lay out pieces to match block diagram and sew together in rows. Press toward purples.

• Sew rows together.

• Press and using a $12\frac{1}{2}$ " square up ruler, trim to get a $12\frac{1}{2}$ " block. Repeat to make a second block!

Hope you like the block.

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